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SUBJ: EXPORT TO CANADA OF U.S.-MANUFACTURED VEHICLES COVERED
BY LIMITED CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO BRING FOLLOWING MATTER TO ATTENTION
OF GOC'S DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, O. G. STONER:
2. UNDER SECTION 203(A)(1) OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT, AS AMENDED,
NO NEW MOTOR VEHICLE MAY BE INTRODUCED INTO COMMERCE UNLESS IT
IS COVERED BY A CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY ISSUED BY THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. AT A TIME WHEN U.S. AUTOMOBILE
MANUFACTURERS ARE ABOUT TO START PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT OF
MODEL YEAR 1974 VEHICLES, FORD MOTOR COMPANY IS EXPERIENCING
SOME DELAYS IN ITS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WITH THE RESULT THAT
FULL CERTIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO SOME ENGINE FAMILIES WILL
NOT BE COMPLETED WHEN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.
3. INsofar AS THE GREAT BULK OF CERTIFICATION TESTING HAS BEEN
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COMPLETED AND IT IS LIKELY THAT FULL CERTIFICATION OF CONFORMITY

WILL BE ISSUED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, FORD HAS REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ISSUE LIMITED CERTIFICATES TO PERMIT THE SHIPMENT, BUT NOT SALE, OF VEHICLES PRIOR TO FULL CERTIFICATION. THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PLANS TO ISSUE THE LIMITED CERTIFICATES UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH REQUIRE THAT FORD PREVENT THE USE AND SALE OF THE SUBJECT VEHICLES.

4. MANY OF THE SUBJECT VEHICLES ARE INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO CANADA. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CANADA HAS STANDARDS IDENTICAL TO U.S.E.P.A. STANDARDS. IN THAT CASE, SECTION 203(B)(3) OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT REQUIRES THAT VEHICLES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO CANADA BE COVERED BY A CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY. HOWEVER, SHIPMENT OF VEHICLES TO CANADA UNDER A LIMITED CERTIFICATE RAISES QUESTIONS REGARDING APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT IN CANADA OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CERTIFICATES. TO HELP EPA ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH SHIPMENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WOULD CANADA PERMIT THE IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES AND COVERED BY A LIMITED CERTIFICATE?

B. WHAT IS CANADA'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING USE AND SALE OF VEHICLES COVERED BY A LIMITED CERTIFICATE?

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